

Thomas Rich, Jr. House  
Old County Road  
Truro  
Barnstable County  
Massachusetts

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Location West side of road on Old County Road, just north of the Truro Town line, in Truro, Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

Present owner Estate of Meta C. Cooper.

Present occupant None.

Present use None.

Significance Cape Cod "house and a half" located within area of proposed Cape Cod National Seashore.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Original and subsequent owners. Mr. Silas Clark, Attorney on Pamet Point Road, Wellfleet, and searcher of Titles in this area, related that 1st known deed from Thacher Rich to Thomas Rich, Jr., on Jan 22, 1827, for \$37.00 and 3 acres of land, did not mention house. Land and buildings deed Dec. 16, 1876, next known deed, from heirs of Thos. and Betsy Rich to Andrew Cole. Later, Meta C. Cooper was owner, and on her recent death, property is in probate.

Date of erection Early 19th century.

Architect Unknown.

Builder Unknown.

Original plans None known to exist.

Alterations and additions Not ascertainable.

Historical events connected with structure Not ascertainable.

Important old views. Not ascertainable.

Sources of information Mr. Silas Clark; Ernest Allen Connally, HABS architect and historian, survey of summer, 1959.

Likely sources not yet investigated Truro Town and Barnstable County Records

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## PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

### GENERAL STATEMENT.

Architectural interest and merit one and a half story, Cape Cod  
"house and a half" located within area of proposed Cape Cod  
National Seashore.

Condition of fabric Fair.

### THE EXTERIOR

Overall dimensions about 27 x 27 feet.

Foundations Brick

Wall construction Probably post and beam, interior not entered.  
Shingles on exterior, about 5 inches exposed to weather.

Porches, stoops Stone step at south entrance.

Chimneys One, brick, over center of house.

Openings - doorways and doors Solid storm door at main entrance covered  
exterior door. Pilasters flank front door, with Greek key decoration  
over front door, about 3" high.

windows and shutters 9/6 lights in d.h. wood sash, first floor and  
6/6 and small 2/2 lights second floor.

Roof, shape covering Pitched, gabled, modern composition shingle cover.

cornice, eaves Wood, box cornice, narrow eaves.

dormers None.

### THE INTERIOR

The house was not entered. There were two front rooms with presumably  
a kitchen at the rear; plastered walls with wood wainscoting to window  
stool height; 6 panel interior doors; good fireplace mantel and paneling  
in east room.

SITE

Orientation House faces south in typical Cape Cod manner; lee of hill;  
ridge perpendicular to road.

Enclosures None.

Outbuildings None.

Walks, driveways None.

Landscaping Very little, informal, poor lawn.

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